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**Powder Valley** Conservation Nature Center  
**Rockwoods** Reservation

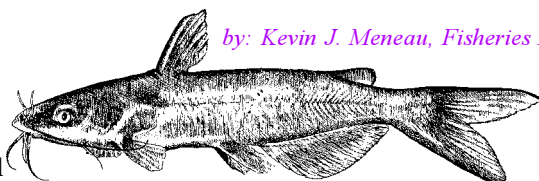


# Making Tracks

May 2001 *Volume 01, Number 05*

## *Big River Festival Presents - BIG Family Fun*

The Big River Festival will be an outstanding family event that provides the proverbial "something for everyone." Event features include entertainment on two stages, lots of food, live animals, games, crafts, and period re-enactments.



*by: Kevin J. Meneau, Fisheries Mgmt. Biologist*

### **Just the facts:**

What:	Big River Festival
Where:	Washington State Park
When:	June 2 (10AM-6PM) and June 3 (10AM-4PM)
Admission:	Free

There will be plenty of animals! Glenn Chambers will be showing off his river otters. A 3,200-gallon mobile aquarium will show Big River fish. Many types of raptors will be displayed by The World Bird Sanctuary. The St. Louis Herpetological Society will provide hands-on displays of turtles and snakes. Drop by the Stream Team booth to see what's crawling along the bottom of Big River. Learn about Ozark plants and animals from experts.

There will be plenty of hands-on activities! Help plant a bottomland forest, next to Big River. Challenge yourself by walking through fish and waterfowl identification mazes. Kids can try their luck with the natural resources treasure hunt or games. Learn how to fly fish or cast bass lures. Try your skill at the archery range. Help Stream Teamers sample for Big River insects and its water quality.

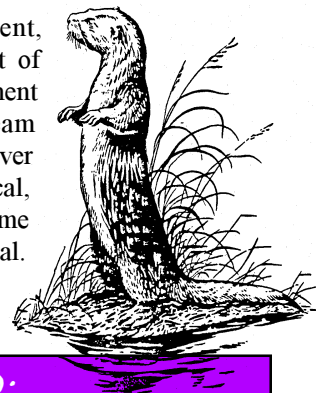
There will be plenty of cultural and natural history! Learn about Native American life in the Ozarks. Big River has a rich mining history – learn about its promise and problems. Learn all about glades and glade restoration. See a portable Ozark sawmill and a model of an Ozark stream in operation. Observe crafters weave, whittle, and sew.

There will be plenty of entertainment! Two stages will host a variety of music and entertainment. You'll be amazed by Ralph Duren's expert wildlife calling. The Fishin' Magicians combine straight fishin' with real magic. Four bands are booked and ready

to play folk, country, and bluegrass music. A live radio remote will be present. There will be plenty of food! Enjoy a variety of foods and beverages consumed by Native Americans, trappers, and settlers. There will be plenty available, so no coolers or alcohol please.

The Big River Festival is easy to find and is located in Washington State Park, off Highway 21, just southwest of Desoto, Missouri. Follow the banners and signs to the Big River and look for the information booth to pick-up a brochure and map.

The Big River festival is a free event, sponsored by Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Department of Conservation, and Missouri Stream Team. It's intended to highlight the river and its watershed's cultural, historical, recreational, and natural resources. Come and join the fun at the Big River Festival. We'll see you along the River!



### **WANTED: VOLUNTEER NATURALISTS!**

Would you like to learn more about the natural world while helping to promote a greater understanding of Missouri's resources and their conservation? Consider becoming a Volunteer Naturalist for the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Busch Conservation Area, Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center, and Rockwoods Reservation are looking for folks who are interested in becoming Volunteer Naturalists. Beginning this September, the three sites will be working together to present the introductory training course for Volunteer Naturalists. This 7-session course will be held during the months of September, October and November.  
*See back page for details*

News from  
**Powder Valley Conservation  
 Nature Center**

## Lewis & Clark's "Corps of Discovery"

In a secret memo to Congress in 1802, Thomas Jefferson asked for authorization to explore the Missouri River to its possible source at the Pacific Ocean. During this expedition the small "corps of men" would develop friendly relations with the natives and map this previously uncharted land. Congress authorized an initial expenditure of \$2500.00 to pay for such an exploration. In a 1803 letter to Captain Meriwether Lewis, President Jefferson stated, "In the journey which you are about to undertake for the discovery of the course and source of the Missouri..." Lewis was further authorized to select 12 soldiers and additional men as necessary. The funds for the expedition would be provided by the War Department.

Captain Lewis's passport identified him as a "Citizen of the United States who, by authority of the President . . . is setting out on a voyage of discovery . . ."

Thus with the "corps" of up to 30 men and the mission of "discovery" from Jefferson was born the Lewis and Clark Expedition of "The Corps of Discovery."

Powder Valley has added to its collector series pins honoring the "Corps of Discovery." The pins are \$3.00 each and are available in our gift shop.



**11715 Cragwold Road  
 Kirkwood, MO 63122  
 (314) 301 - 1500**

**LOCATION:** From I-44 east in Kirkwood, take Watson Road, exit and turn north on Geyer Road. Follow Geyer Road 200 yards to Cragwold Road. Go 1 mile west on Cragwold Road.

### AREA HOURS:

Daylight Savings Time:  
 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central  
 Standard Time: 8 a.m. to  
 6 p.m.

### NATURE CENTER

**HOURS:** Open all year,  
 7 days a week, from 8 a.m.  
 to 5 p.m.

### GIFT SHOP HOURS:

Open all year, 7 days a  
 week, from 8 a.m. to  
 4:30 p.m.

### ABOUT THE AREA:

112 acres of forestland and  
 winding creeks, three hiking  
 trails (one wheelchair  
 accessible). Open to  
 visitors free of charge.

In memory of

March 8, 1933



March 10, 2001

**RONALD P. LANE**

*Ron, an early riser, helped make Powder Valley Nature Center ready for the new day. Ron came to work at 4:00 a.m. and made sure that the birds were fed, vehicles fueled and coffee on before other staff arrived. On cold days, Ron always made a point to have a roaring fire ready so staff and visitors could take advantage of the cozy warmth while viewing winter outside. The bird feeding area was tops on Ron's list, for he loved the birds and turkey, but mostly he enjoyed watching the deer. We will all miss seeing Ron on the tractor, he loved being able to help with projects that required his expertise on heavy equipment. Ron made friends easily and will be missed by all.*

## Resident Artisans-

**Patricia and Lee Schulte**

## "How to Press and Dry Flowers and Herbs"

**Saturday May 5 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

(Ages 7 - 15) Learn how to press and dry flowers and herbs, then make a great Mothers' Day card.

**Saturday May 5 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

(Adults) Do you want to know how to keep spring flowers all year long? Come and join Patricia and Lee Schulte to learn how to press and dry flower and herbs.

*(Reservations begin April 24)*



News from

# Rockwoods Reservation



## Hitchin' A Ride

by: Cindy Schweitzer, Naturalist



Do April showers really bring May flowers? This month there is an explosion of flowers in bloom in gardens, conservation areas, parks and even roadsides. Cheerful colors and wonderful scents make this month beautiful and fragrant.

Flowers are feasts for more than the eyes. Flowers contain pollen, that yellow dust you get on the tip of your nose if you sniff too closely. The tiny pollen grains are necessary for plant survival! To reproduce, many plants must get pollen from another plant of the same kind. But pollen can't walk, run, crawl, or fly! To get birds and insects to carry pollen for them, flowers "bribe" them with food. Pollen itself is a nutritious food, but luckily for the flowers, pollen grains make for messy eating. After a pollen meal, insects and birds usually leave a flower with pollen stuck to their heads and legs. This pollen is transferred to another flower when the animal moves on for its next meal.

Some flowers produce nectar to attract pollinators. While the animal is licking or sucking up the sugary liquid, it picks up pollen grains. The pollen hitches a free ride to the next flower. Many nectar feeders have special adaptations to reach into the base of the flower where the nectar is located.

Hummingbirds have long, specially shaped beaks and tongues to reach the nectar. Hovering in the air allows hummingbirds to feed on flowers whose stalks are too weak to support even the tiny weight of the hummingbird.

Nectar-feeding butterflies have a long, hollow feeding tube called a proboscis. These tubes work like a straw to suck nectar out of flowers. When butterflies aren't using their proboscis, they can roll it up and tuck it away.

Moths work the night shift. Many flowers, like Missouri primrose, stay open at night to be pollinated by moths. Some moths feed on pollen. Others feed on nectar. The Hummingbird Clearwing Sphinx moth hovers in front of flowers just like a hummingbird and is often mistaken for one. Look for moths pollinating flowers in the afternoon and evenings.

Want to watch pollinators at work? Now is a good time to put up hummingbird feeders in Missouri. At Rockwoods this month you can learn how to attract butterflies and other critters to your garden. Our outdoor butterfly garden and landscape demonstration area are in full bloom! Come visit for more ideas!



### Wildflowers in Bloom:

Dutchman's breeches  
Wild sweet William  
Blue-eyed grass  
Purple coneflower

Bird's-foot violet  
Jack-in-the-pulpit  
Rue anemone  
False rue anemone

Spiderwort  
White trillium  
Virginia bluebells  
Indian paintbrush

Wake robin  
Bellwort  
Pussy's toes  
Beard-tongue



**2751 Glencoe Road  
Wildwood, MO 63038  
(636) 458 - 2236**

### LOCATION:

From I-44, take Hwy 109 (Eureka exit) north 4 miles to Woods Avenue; left on Woods Avenue, and then immediately right on Glencoe Road; follow signs. From Hwy 40 (I-64), take Clarkson Road south to Manchester Road; right (west) on Manchester to Hwy 109; left (south) on Highway 109, 2 miles to Woods Avenue; right on Woods Avenue, and then immediately right on Glencoe Road; follow signs. From Manchester Road, take Hwy 109 south 2 miles to Woods Avenue; right on Woods Avenue, and immediately right on Glencoe Road; follow signs.

**AREA HOURS:** Sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

### VISITOR CENTER

**HOURS:** Open seven days a week all year, except holidays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### ABOUT THE AREA:

All facilities are free to the public including:

- \*Education Center with exhibits and interpretive programs.
- \*1,898 acres of rugged, mostly hardwood forested land interspersed with springs and streams.
- \*Two picnic areas (one with charcoal grills) with drinking water, tables, and toilets.
- \*Seven trails (one is self-guided and wheelchair accessible) totaling more than 10 miles.



## How to register for a

Reservations are required unless otherwise specified. Reservations will be taken Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Programs are intended for individuals and families only. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel your reservation as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. **Please be prompt. Arrival after 10 minutes may exclude you from the program.** Interpreting services are available for people with hearing loss with five days advanced notice.

## ROCKWOODS

For reservations, call (636) 458 - 2236

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### Toad Abodes

Thursday 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(Families) The temperature is going up and our amphibian friends need a place to cool down! Come learn about the benefits of attracting toads to your lawn and make a toad house to take home. Bring a broken terra cotta pot (any size) if you have one. Mostly indoors. (Reservations begin May 1.)

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### Butterfly Gardening and Hibernation (Hideaway)



Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
& 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

(Families) Learn what plants are needed to attract butterflies through their life cycle. Build a hibernation box to take home. Please, only one butterfly hibernation box per family. (Reservations begin May 7.)

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### Toddling into Nature - The Awesome Opossum

Tuesday 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.  
& 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

(Ages 3-6) Join us as we investigate our only pouched friend in Missouri! Learn how and why these creatures truly are awesome! Our exploration will take us outdoors so dress for the weather. (Reservations begin May 9.)

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## Program

## BUSCH AREA

For reservations, call (636) 441 - 4554

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### Beautiful Butterflies

Thursday 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

(Ages 3-6) With Spring comes lots of magical changes. Learn about a change that might be taking place right in your own back yard! A caterpillar becoming a butterfly! If the weather is nice, we will go on a butterfly hunt. (Reservations begin April 19.)

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### Discovery Table

### Poisonous Things

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(Families) They make you itch, they can make you sick, they're things you don't want to touch! Find out how to identify and avoid them in the woods, in your yard, and in your home. (No Reservations Required.)

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### Sounds of the Marsh

Saturday 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

### PLEASE NOTE: Meet at MTC

(Adults) Experience the Marais Temps Clair (MTC) marsh as it comes alive at sunset! Join us for a 2.5 mile hike around the marsh. Learn about the birds and amphibians that make their homes in the marsh. MTC Conservation Area is located off of Hwy 94 in north St. Charles County. (Reservations begin April 20.)

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### Unusual Things at Busch

Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

(Ages 7-12) What's new at Busch? What's

## POWDER VALLEY

For reservations, call (314)301-1500

Please limit requests to two programs per month, with only one to include an Ages 3-6 program.

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### Hike on Hickory Ridge

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

(Adults) Walk our moderate 1.2 mile trail to discover the sights and sounds of spring. Dress for the weather. (Reservations begin April 18.)

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### Bees!

Saturday 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
& 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

(Ages 3-6) Join us to learn what all the buzz is about bees. (Reservations begin April 24.)



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### The 22nd Annual St. Louis Storytelling Festival

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
& 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(All Ages) Lose yourself in an ancient art by listening to funny and surprising animal tales. (Reservations begin April 24.)

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### How to Press & Dry Flowers and Herbs

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Ages 7-15)  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Adults)

See description, page 2. (Reservations begin April 24.)

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### Beginning Birding for Adults

Monday 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

(Adults) Let's get out and identify some birds! Bring binoculars and a field guide, if available. (Reservations begin April 24.)

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### Honkers & Quackers

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
& 1-1:45 p.m.

(Ages 3-6) Learn how ducks and geese are alike and different. We'll make a fun craft, too. (Reservations begin April 24.)



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### Homeschool Programs

Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.



## 23 Home School Special:

### Land Use and Recovery (Read the Landscape)

*Wednesday 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*  
(Ages 8-12) Rockwoods has only been a reservation since 1938. Before this time it had many land uses including farming and mining. We will learn to "read the landscape" by looking for signs of natural succession and human restoration efforts. This class will be mostly outdoors, so please dress for the weather. (Reservations begin May 9.)

## 26 Organic Farming

*Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*  
(Ages: All) An organic farmer is part environmentalist, botanist, veterinarian, mechanic, trash collector, teacher and dreamer. Chris Wimmer, an organic farmer from The Farm At Krout Run, will teach us about the interconnection of the food we eat and the environment, and what you can do to become organically connected. (Reservations begin May 11.)

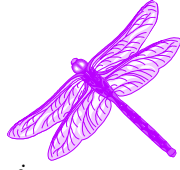
going on? What's fun...What's unusual? (Reservations begin May 1.)

## 19 Kids' Fishing Fair

*Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*  
(Ages 15 and under) For details of this event, see page 6. (No reservations required.)

## 23 Stream Study

*Wednesday 10:00 a.m.*  
(Ages 7-12) How can you tell if a stream is clean? Come wade into a shallow stream and scoop with nets for life on the bottom. What we find will tell us how clean it is. (Reservations begin May 9.)



## 26 Wildflower Hike

*Saturday 9:00 a.m.*  
(Families) Spring is here and the woods are alive with color. Bring a wildflower field guide if you have one and we'll discover what is blooming. (Reservations begin May 11.)

## 29 Lewis & Clark: Survivors

*Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*  
(Ages 7-12) Find out what things Lewis & Clark had to survive during their exploration of the Missouri River in a game of questions and "challenges." (Reservations begin May 15.)

Special workshop at the:

**SOULARD OUTDOOR TEACHER RESOURCE CENTER!**

## June 7 Woodworking for Wildlife

*Thursday 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*  
See if you can build a bat house so attractive, bats will be lining up to move in. You will build one bat house per family. Reservations will begin May 1. Call 314.231.3803.

## Budding Biologists Hike

(Ages 3-6) Children discover the amazing world around them by exploring the forest and soil with trowels and magnifying glasses. Dress for the weather. (Reservations begin April 26.)

## Spring, Sprang, Sprung! Hike

(Ages 7-12) What triggers the seasons of our natural world? Find out and record your observations. Dress for the weather. (Reservations begin April 26.)

## 12 Map and Compass

*Saturday Noon - 2:00 p.m.*  
(Ages 10 & up) Learn how to read a map and use a compass. Stay found! (Reservations begin May 1.)

## 12 Sunflowers For Mom

*Saturday 10:30 a.m. - Noon & 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*  
(All Ages) Plant a sunflower seed and take it home. Get some sunflower recipes. (No Reservations Required.)

## 16 Hike on Broken Ridge

*Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*  
(Adults) Walk our moderate 3/4 mile trail to discover the sights and sounds of spring. Dress for the weather. (Reservations begin May 2.)



## 17 Beginning Birding

*Thursday 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.*  
(Ages 3-6) What's up with those birds? Join us to learn about birdwatching. We'll make binoculars and hike Tanglevine Trail. (Reservations begin May 3.)

## 24 Rocking Chair Storytime

*Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.*  
(All Ages) Come enjoy a fun-packed hour of hearing stories, using puppets, and experiencing surprises galore! (No Reservations Required)

## Nature Films:

**Shown in Auditorium - Free of Charge - Groups Welcome!**

Children's films Saturday & Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All Ages films Saturday & Sunday 11:00 a.m. - Noon & 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*No Reservations Required -- Call for titles*

News from **August A. Busch** Memorial Conservation Area

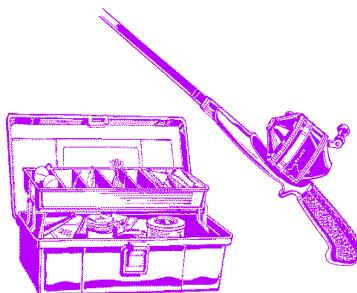
## Kids' Fishing is Catching on at Busch

by Rhonda Anderson, Interpretive Programs Supervisor

Hey kids 15 and under, do you want to learn how to fish? Maybe you know how to fish but want to learn how to do it better. Have we got a day just for you! On Saturday, May 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Busch Conservation Area will be hosting Kids' Fishing Fair on Lakes 1, 2, and 15. Several volunteers will be on hand to help kids 15 and under learn to cast, catch, and land that fish.

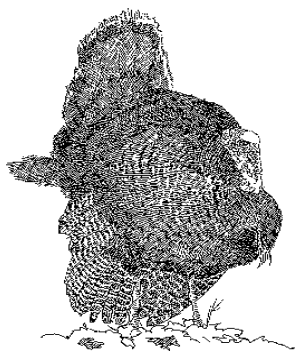
Fishing is not the only thing to do at the Kids' Fishing Fair. When you have caught your limit, or Mom and Dad get bored, try visiting some of the hands-on stations we will have set up for the whole family to enjoy:

- Filleting and Cooking Fish
- Casting Range
- Knot Tying and Baiting Hooks
- Boating Safety
- Fly Tying and Casting
- Fish Identification Maze
- Catch and Release Fishing
- and more!



If Mom and Dad really want to try fishing themselves, Lakes 3, 4, 5, 7, and 24 will be stocked for the whole family to try fishing. So bring your fishing pole, your favorite adult, and come rain or shine (fish bite better in the rain anyway!) to Kids' Fishing Fair. Hope to see you there!

*This event is a combination of the Family Fishing Fair and Kids' Fishing Day*



## Coming soon!

### Women in the Outdoors™

by the National Wild Turkey Federation

*Saturday, June 23*

at the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area

The Women in the Outdoors program will meet its goal by introducing more women to outdoor activities; training women as outdoor educators and providing a network for men and women with similar interests within our local chapter system. Courses include: Archery, Shotgunning, Outdoor cooking, Turkey hunting, Map and compass, Fly fishing, Plant identification, First aid, Hiking and much more!

For more information, call Jennifer Besancenez 636.271.7122

**2360 Highway D  
St. Charles, MO 63304  
(636) 441 - 4554**

#### LOCATION:

From Hwy 40, take 94 south to Hwy D; turn west on D for approx. 3 miles.

From I-70, take 94/First Capitol exit; turn south on Hwy 94 to Hwy D; turn west on D for approx. 3 miles. The area entrance is on the north side of Hwy D.

**HOURS:** Area is open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

October 1 through March 31. See area regulations for special hunt hours. Fishing hours are 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. October 1 through March 31. Rental boats are available April 1 through September 30 only. Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

**ABOUT THE AREA:** 6,987 acres with 32 lakes and 40 ponds totaling 526 acres of water for fishing. There are six viewing blinds (two are wheelchair accessible), seven hiking trails totaling 5 miles, picnic area, staffed firearms range, and fishing jetties (some are wheelchair accessible). The area has interpretive programs, exhibits, demonstration sites, and is used by bicyclists.





## The Educators' Niche

by: Dennis Cooke, Outdoor Skills Education Specialist

### Word of the month:



**Lateral Line** (*noun*). Nerve endings along a row of pores on either side of a fish from gills to tail act as radar, allowing the fish to detect the size, shape, direction and speed of object.

## SPRING IS HERE; GO FISH!

Want to take your kids fishing but don't know how or where? Even if you have never been fishing before, our educational materials will give you the background you need to give kids an experience they will always remember.

### Publications:

MDC publishes several free brochures about fishing. "An Introduction to Fishing" will introduce you to the basics of fishing for your first fishing trip. Another excellent publication, "Kids Fishing," is an activity book designed to make students aware of the need for clean water, how and where fish

"Give a [child] a fish, and feed him for a day. Teach a [child] to fish, and feed him for a lifetime."  
—Chinese Proverb

live and to teach them how to fish responsibly. "Casting Equipment" gives an in-depth explanation of the basic types of freshwater casting equipment to help you get started.

MDC also publishes curricula about fishing. Our Aquatic Resources Education Program includes "Fishing for Answers," which teaches about aquatic ecosystems through fishing. Designed for upper elementary, "Fishing for Answers" comes with a teacher's edition and a classroom set of student guides. Teachers using these curricula are encouraged to take their students fishing as the final lesson. To schedule the Aquatic Resource Education (A.R.E.) lakes at August A Busch Memorial Conservation Area call 636.441.4554.

All of these publications are FREE for Missouri teachers! To request publications, call any MDC office and ask for a

"Conservation Education Materials Request Form" to be sent to you. After you return the completed form, your materials will be sent to you in a timely manner (usually in 2-4 weeks).

### Around the town:

Free Fishing Weekend is June 9 & 10, 2001. You can fish anywhere in the state without a permit only on this weekend. During the rest of the year, anyone between the ages of 15 and 65 needs a fishing permit to fish in any public waters in Missouri.

For fish stocking information on lakes in the St. Louis Metro area call 636.441.8014. This hotline is updated when fish stocking occurs in the area. To get a copy of "A Summary of Missouri Fishing Relations," call the St. Louis Regional office at 636.441.4554 or Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center at 314.301.1500.



## BUSCH RANGE

### Hours for May 2001:

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday - Monday

10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays

Closed Wednesday & Thursday

For more information,  
call 636.441.4554 ext. 251

## HENGES RANGE

### Hours for May 2001:

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thursday - Sunday

Closed Monday, Tuesday,

Special Events & Holidays

For more information,  
call 636.938.9548

## JAY HENGES SHOOTING RANGE

### Introduction to trap shooting

Saturday, May 5 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Advance registration required, call

314.615.4386 (\$10 registration fee) A new course designed to introduce people to the basics of shotguns and clay targets in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Fee includes use of shotgun, shotgun shells, safety instruction, tips on shotgun fit and clay targets.



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## *Wanted: Volunteer Naturalists, con't.*

The purpose of the course is to prepare trainees for the diverse job duties of the Volunteer Naturalist. If you have visited any of the Department's interpretive sites in the state, you probably have already met some Volunteer Naturalists. Their training enables them to perform a wide range of jobs. They present and assist with conservation education programs and walks. They answer visitor questions at the reception desk, sell gift shop items, monitor trails, and much more.

The training course will include the "big picture" -- the Conservation Department: its policies, procedures, and organization. Trainees will tour Busch, Rockwoods and Powder Valley. They will be taught techniques to present programs and lead walks. Training will also include information on jobs unique to the each site, such as staffing the reception desk and selling gift shop items. If you are 18 years or older and would like to learn more, you're invited to attend one of the following information sessions:

- Thursday, September 6, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center. For more information call Cindy Bruns, 314.301.1500 x 2238
- Thursday, September 6, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at August A. Busch Conservation Area. For more information call Rhonda Anderson, 636.441.4554 x 244
- Thursday, September 6, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Rockwoods Reservation. For more information call Tom Meister, 636.458.2236

*Note: Please call the site you are interested in to register.  
We look forward to seeing you!*

## Volunteer Milestones

*Thanks for all your  
effort and help!*

### Rockwoods Reservation

Mary Demmitt.....450 hours  
Amber Edwards.....450 hours  
Jerry Rinaldi.....1250 hours  
Sally Roberts.....300 hours  
Linda Tinker.....200 hours  
Meg Wilson.....300 hours

### Busch Conservation Area

Dot Niemeyer.....2000 hours  
Russ Anderson.....1600 hours  
Gladys Kullman...2500 hours  
Larry Taylor.....900 hours  
Gloria Golbert-Marks.800 hours  
Rhonda Husak.....500 hours  
Fred Immen.....500 hours

### Powder Valley Nature Center

Charlie Anderson...2900 hours  
George Rader.....1900 hours  
Mary Rosenthal.....500 hours  
Joan Stokes.....500 hours  
Marjorie Yamada....1700 hours  
Marlene Ahrens.....100 hours  
Linda Hibbitts.....100 hours  
Herp Room Volunteers'  
combined hours.....19 hours